



U.S. Department of Justice

**Stephen J. Murphy
United States Attorney
Eastern District of Michigan**

*Suite 2001
211 West Fort Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226-3277
Fax: (313) 226-3561*

For Immediate Release:

Contact: Gina Balaya (313) 226-9758

Nov 15, 2007

EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Dennis Johnston

ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW VIOLATION

Dennis Johnston, a St. Clair Shores attorney, pleaded guilty today to unlawfully making campaign contributions in the names of other persons, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Mr. Johnston, 60, entered his guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Victoria A. Roberts. According to documents filed in the case, on December 10, 2001, Mr. Johnston directed another person to purchase four bank checks, each in the amount of \$2,000, knowing that the maximum amount for a contribution by a person was \$2,000. These checks were then contributed to the Carl Marlinga congressional campaign.

The offense to which Mr. Johnston pled guilty is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison. Judge Roberts set the date for sentencing for April 14, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.